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Women's Business Certification Options Expand

INDIANAPOLIS (August 20, 2012) – Women business owners will have expanded options for certification when doing business with Indiana government and other entities thanks to a memorandum of understanding executed by the state's Minority and Women's Business Enterprises Division (MWBED) and the Women's Business Enterprise Council-Great Lakes (WBEC-GL).

Certification from the WBEC-GL, regional partner with the internationally recognized Women's Business Enterprise National Council, guarantees that a business is 51 percent owned, operated and controlled by a woman or group of women. Certification is required for minority or women-owned businesses serving as MWBE subcontractors on state funded projects.

The MOU sets forth that a women's business certification from the WBEC-GL will serve as a recommendation for certification with Indiana's MWBED. "Certification is a positive step for any WBE doing business in local, regional, national and global markets. We are excited about our new partnership with WBEC-GL and the expanded opportunities available to Indiana's women entrepreneurs," said Felecia Roseburgh, deputy commissioner for the Indiana Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Division.

WBENC's world-class certification is accepted by more than 1,000 corporations representing America's most prestigious brands, in addition to many states, cities and other entities. WBENC is also an approved third party certifier for the United States Small Business Administration Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contracting Program.

Indiana's MWBED is a multi-purpose service agency for all Minority Business Enterprises and Women's Business Enterprises. The Division actively promotes, monitors and enforces Indiana's supplier diversity program to provide an equal opportunity to minority and women's business enterprises that seek to participate in the state's procurement and contracting process.

About the Minority and Women's Business Enterprises Division

The Indiana Minority and Women's Business Enterprises Division is a part of the State of Indiana Department of Administration.

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